



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**WASHINGTON STATE PARAMEDIC RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
(RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

Paramedics must complete the Continuing Medical Educational requirements listed below. BLS topics may be completed in either the *Traditional Method* or through a DOH and MPD-approved *Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program* (OTEP), which includes approved knowledge and skill evaluations. Paramedic Level CME must be completed in a traditional CME method.

**Educational Requirements:**

- 1. In each certification period, complete and document training in the following *required* topics:**
  - a. Infectious disease prevention (annual OSHA/WSHA –approved, agency-required, infectious disease training meets this requirement)
  - b. Trauma
  - c. 6 hours of pediatrics
  - d. Other CME for a total of 150 hours.

**Skills Maintenance Requirements:**

- 1. First Certification Period:**
  - a. IV Starts: \*
    - i. First Year of certification - 36 successful IV starts (may not be averaged).
    - ii. Second and third years of certification - 72 successful IV starts (may be averaged over the two years)
  - b. Demonstrate intraosseous infusion proficiency annually
  - c. Endotracheal Intubations: \*\*
    - i. First Year of certification - 12 successful endotracheal intubations (may not be averaged).
    - ii. Second and third years of certification - 24 successful endotracheal intubations (may be averaged over the 2 years)
  - d. Demonstrate pediatric airway proficiency
- 2. Later Certification Periods:**
  - a. IV starts – demonstrate proficiency annually
  - b. Demonstrated intraosseous infusion proficiency annually
  - c. Endotracheal Intubations - 4 successful intubations averaged annually
  - d. Demonstrate pediatric airway proficiency

**Examination and Certification Recommendation Requirements:**

- a. Pass the state *written* examination. Three attempts are allowed.
- b. Obtain written recommendation for recertification from the county MPD and submit the completed and signed application to the DOH.

**Description of selected terms used:**

- CPR includes the use of airway adjuncts appropriate to the level of certification.
- Pediatrics: This includes patient assessment, CPR and airway management, and spinal immobilization and packaging.
- "IV starts": Proficiency in intravenous catheterization performed on sick, injured, or preoperative adult and pediatric patients. With written authorization of the MPD, IV starts may be performed on artificial training aids.
- Intraosseous infusion: Proficiency in intraosseous line placement in pediatric patients.
- Endotracheal intubation: Proficiency in endotracheal intubations, at least half of which must be performed on human subjects. With written authorization of the MPD, up to half of the intubations may be performed on artificial training aids.
- Proficiency: Ability to perform a skill properly, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the MPD.
- Pediatric airway: Proficiency in pediatric airway management.

**(You must document your annual CME and skill maintenance requirements)**

\*If you have completed a certification period as an IV, IV/Airway, ILS or ILS/Airway technician, you do not need to meet this requirement during your first certification period, however the requirements for later certification periods must be met.

\*\* If you have completed a certification period as an Airway, IV/Airway, ILS/Airway technician, you do not need to meet this requirement during your first certification period, however the requirements for later certification periods must be met.